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### VIA ELECTRONIC AND OVERNIGHT MAIL

Mr. Randy Sturgeon (3HS23)
United States Environmental
Protection Agency, Region III
i650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

Re: Response of The Peck Company to Request for Information Pursuant Under Section 104(e) of CERCLA With Regard to Peck Iron and Metal Property, 3850 Elm Avenue, Portsmouth, Virginia

Dear Mr. Sturgeon:

On behalf of The Peck Company (hereinafter "Peck"), this is the response, as of the date set forth above, to the letter from Dennis P. Carney dated January 13, 2006, and received by Peck on March 6, 2006, requesting information with regard to the Peck Iron and Metal property in Portsmouth, Virginia (hereinafter the "Information Request"). We are submitting this response in our capacity as counsel for Peck. Peck understands that it has a continuing obligation to supplement this response if additional information becomes available, and Peck reserves the right to submit additional information that it may find to be responsive to the Information Request.

Set forth below are each question contained in the Information Request in **bold-faced**, **italicized type**, followed by Peck's response as of the date of this letter.

The Information Request called for a response within 30 calendar days of the date on which we received it. In a letter to Dennis Carney sent on March 17, 2006, David Peck requested an extension until May 5, 2006, to submit Peck's response. On behalf of EPA, Mr. Carney granted this request in a letter sent to Mr. Peck on March 28, 2006. Patricia Miller granted Peck an additional extension until May 10, 2006, which I confirmed in an e-mail to Ms. Miller on May 3, 2006.



1. As it relates to the Site, what is the current nature of your business or activity or any other business or activity that may be taking place at the Site?

### **RESPONSE:**

Currently a minority owned business, Able Body Demolition, is using the property to store its trucks. Able Body also has unloaded inert material, including concrete, dirt, and asphalt, on the property, and has spread some of the piles of asphalt and concrete. The company has followed Peck's instructions not to remove any soil from the site, and to keep any visitors or vandals off the site.

2. As it relates to the Site, what was the nature of any business or activity during the period of time you or any member of the Peck family, or a company substantially owned or controlled by the Peck family, either owned and/or operated the Site?

### **RESPONSE:**

From 1945 to approximately 1990, the business conducted at the property was the purchase, processing, storage and shipping of metal scrap from various military bases, other federal, state and local government agencies, and local businesses. Liquidation of remaining scrap materials off of the property continued into the early 1990s. In addition, Peck Equipment Company was established in the 1960's to locate hard-to-find parts for the U.S. Navy.

In a letter from S.G. Werner to D.S. Welch of EPA dated May 11, 2004, Mr. Werner provided an historical summary of Peck's activities at the property. This letter also was provided as an attachment to an e-mail from S.G. Werner to K. Bunker dated July 28, 2004.

3. Describe how the size or property boundaries of the Site have changed since the inception of Peck activities at the Site.

### **RESPONSE:**

Some time during the period between 1945 and 1950, Peck acquired land adjacent to the original parcel. In the 1990's, less than an acre was acquired from the U.S. Navy. In 2003, Peck donated a conversation easement of approximately six acres along Paradise Creek to the Elizabeth River Project ("ERP"), which modified the land to serve as a wetland and forested buffer area. In the course of its work, the ERP removed a berm, dredged soils, re-contoured the area, and deposited soil back on other portions of the Peck property.



The current 33 acres are on five parcels. The following table summarizes the title history of the current property.

### **Deed Records Search**

DATE	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	COMMENTS
05-18-88	Peck Iron & Metal Co., Inc.	Elm Leasing Co.	2.990 ac - 1 <sup>st</sup> part 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> parts - Easements
10-01-76	USA Dept. of Navy	Peck Iron & Metal Co., Inc., et al.	3 <sup>rd</sup> part - Easement, 0.05 ac.
06-30-76	Norfolk- Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad Co.	Peck Iron & Metal Co., Inc., et al.	2 <sup>nd</sup> part - Easement agreement for use of Scott Center Road Crossing
10-28-69	USA Dept. of Navy	Norfolk-Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad Co.	Deed of Easement
12-30-63	Proctor & Gamble Mfg. Co.	Peck Iron & Metal Co., Inc.	4.544 ac.
05-13-88	Peck Iron & Metal Co., Inc.	Peck Portsmouth Land Co.	Parcel B - 22.924 ac.
12-30-63	Proctor & Gamble Mfg. Co.	Peck Iron & Metal Co., Inc.	4.544 ac.
01-26-60	Proctor & Gamble Mfg. Co.	Peck Iron & Metal Co., Inc.	21.4 ac.
01-26-60	Peck Iron & Metal Co., Inc.	Kenneth McCracken, Trustee	Holder of Note, 21.4 ac.
03-31-31	Portsmouth Cotton Oil Refining Corp.	Proctor & Gamble	Parcels A & B - 110 ac.
01-01-88	Julius S. & Bess P. Peck	JSP Land Company	2 ac; Parcel A-1.174 ac.; Parcel B-2.733 ac.; 1st-0.8016 ac.; 2 <sup>nd</sup> -1 ac.; 3 <sup>rd</sup> -0.55 ac.; 4 <sup>th</sup> -Parcel 1-0.004 ac., Parcel 2-0.17 ac.
07-29-47	Trites Refinery, Inc.	Julius S. Peck	2 ac.
07-12-47	Philip C. Cuddeback, et ux.	Trites Rendering, Inc.	

03-08-47	Frederick W.	Philip C. Cuddeback	
	Marrat		
01-07-29	American Forest	Frederick W. Marrat	
	Products Company		
10-11-28	Cradock Mfg. Co.	American Forest	
		Products Company	
09-29-50	Richard B. Kellam,	Julius S. Peck &	Parcels A (1.174 ac.) & B (2.733 ac.).
	Special	R.F. & Thirza Trant	Kellam Commissioner for dispute in
	Commissioner, et		Trant family. R.F. paid off dispute
	al.		amount to Commissioner, land released
			to Peck
07-30-28	H.W. West	John H. Trant, Jr.	
07-05-28	R.D. White	John H. Trant, Jr.	
05-28-28	Cradock Mfg. Co.	Richard B. Kellam,	
		Special	
		Commissioner	ct
08-06-45	Joseph W.	Julius S. Peck	1 <sup>st</sup> - 2.304 ac.
	Dunkam, et al.	(formerly Julius S.	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 1 ac.
ļ		Pecker)	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 0.55 ac.
			4 <sup>th</sup> - Parcel 1 - 0.004 ac.
			Parcel 2 - 0.17 ac.
06-29-44	Commonwealth of	Joseph W. Dunkum	4 <sup>th</sup> - Parcels 1 & 2; quit claimed to
	Va.		Dunkum
05-31-43	County of Norfolk	Commonwealth of	4 <sup>th</sup> - Parcels 1 & 2; quit claimed to
00.02.20	NT C II	Va.	Commonwealth of Va.
08-03-28	Norfolk	County of Norfolk	4 <sup>th</sup> - Parcels 1 & 2
	Portsmouth Bridge		
04 10 20	Corp.	Learnin W. Denil	2rd 0 55
04-18-28	Cradock Mfg. Co.	Joseph W. Dunkum	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 0.55 ac.
04-16-27	Cradock Mfg. Co.	Joseph W. Dunkum	1 <sup>st</sup> - 2.304 ac.
04-27-26	Cradock Mfg. Co.	Joseph W. Dunkum	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 1 ac.



4. Explain how hazardous substances such as, but not limited to, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and lead came to be present on the site.

#### **RESPONSE:**

The metal scrap purchased during the period of scrap metal operations consisted of damaged and obsolete equipment, attachments, parts, and other miscellaneous materials. At various times the scrap contained cadmium-coated automobile parts; lead as an additive in petroleum products; PCBs in insulated wire, gaskets, fluorescent lights, transformer oil, and household appliances that used capacitors; lead-based paint in scrapped bridge sections; and lead in automobile batteries. Metal scrap from the government was not cleaned or purged of hazardous substances before transfer to the Peck property.

5. Provide all information regarding the current or past environmental and physical conditions at the Site including but not limited to geology and hydro-geology, soil, groundwater, surface-water (including drainage patterns), sediments, sewer systems, and storm water conveyance systems. This includes, but is not limited to, field observations and measurements, laboratory data, field screening data, boring logs, sample locations and dates.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Physical and chemical data for the property have been submitted to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ") and EPA. Peck believes that information provided to DEQ and EPA through December 2004 confirmed that there are discrete locations on the property with elevated concentrations of certain parameters, but that there would be no unacceptable risk to the environment or to humans if the property were covered with a cap and restricted as to future use. Furthermore, there were no indications that the property would endanger anyone if left undisturbed. A risk assessment prepared for Peck indicates that there would be no unacceptable risks to humans or the environment or the likelihood of a release to groundwater even if it were assumed that there are PCB concentrations of up to 5,000 mg/kg in the former metal processing area.

The following table lists reports and other communications by which EPA and/or DEQ were provided information responsive to this question. Peck is not submitting copies of these reports and communications with this response but will provide them to EPA upon request.

Date	Recipient	Sender	Description
15-May-03	Bernard, J.	Werner. S.G.	Draft Site Characterization Risk Assessment Report
28-May-03	Bernard, J.	Werner, S.G.	Site Characterization - Risk Assessment Report, Proposed Pull- A-Part Site, 3500 and 3850 Elm Avenue, Portsmouth, Virginia
04-Aug-03	Bernard, J.	Werner, S.G.	Response to DEQ's 18-Jun-03 letter commenting on Site Characterization Report and proposing a sampling program
12-Aug-03			Quantitation Report of samples obtained on 8-Aug-03
11-Sep-03	Greene, K.L.	Peck, B.D.	Letter regarding EPA's desire to sample for dioxin contamination at site; briefly discussing previous site operations; and requesting authorization from DEQ to go forward with site remediation
21-Oct-03	Werner, S.G.	Unze, S.C.	Attaches sample results for PCDDs and PCDFs
04-Nov-03		Williams, M.D.	Pull-A-Part Sampling Event: 08- 06-03
07-Nov-03	Bernard, J.	Werner, S.G.	Site Characterization Study Addendum; attached is 27-Oct-03 memorandum to J. Bernard from S.G. Werner presenting sediments sampling plan
21-Nov-03	Werner, S.G.	Kinder, D.S.	Explanation of deficiencies cited in M. Williams 4-Nov-03 report
18-Dec-03	Bernard, J.F.	Hatcher, R.F.	Email forwarding colloquy between J.F. Bernard and S. Hahn of NOAA regarding the Peck Property Report addendum
17-Feb-04	Werner, S.G.	Williams, M.D.	Memorandum regarding QA/AC criteria



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17-Feb-04	Bernard, J.	Werner, S.G.	Response to EPA's 15-Jan-04 "Characterization Report Review"; attached are: EPA's 15-Jan-04 letter; QA/QC reports for PCB and lead analyses for soil samples; summary of data validation per- formed by Draper Aden; and a response by laboratory to deficien- cies identified by Draper Aden
30-Mar-04	Rice, S.	Werner, S.G.	Letter enclosing PCB analytical data, including map showing October 2003 PCB soil sampling results
11-May-04	Welsh, D.S.	Werner, S.G.	Letter enclosing Peck's "Self- Implementing PCB Cleanup Plan"
28-Jun-04	Peck, D.B.	Jarvela, S.	Letter stating EPA wants to conduct sampling at Peck site's wetlands and shoreline along border of property and Paradise Creek. Property Access Agreement attached
29-Jun-04			EPA Region III "Property Access Form" granting EPA and members of response team access to The Peck Company Site to collect samples for PCB and metals analysis
07-Jul-04	·		Sediments chain of custody form prepared by Mr. Hatcher
13-Jul-04	Welsh, D.S.	Werner, S.G.	Response to EPA Region III's 22- Jun-04 letter to B.D. Peck from J.J. Burke regarding deficiencies in Self-Implementing PCB Cleanup Plan; attached is Revised (12-Jul- 04) Site Characterization and Self- Implementing PCB Cleanup Plan

Date	Recipient	Sender	Description
20-Jul-04		Severn Trent Labs	Sample confirmation report
16-Aug-04	Hatcher, R.F.	Jarvela, S.	Email regarding preliminary results of 7-Jul-04 sampling event
03-Sep-04	Hatcher, R.F.	Rieger, J.	Summary of samples taken; cost of analysis; map of locations where samples were taken
28-Sep-04	Loeb, M.	Werner, S.G.	Email update on sample analysis
26-Oct-04	Welsh, D.S.	Werner, S.G.	Response to EPA Region III's 15-Oct-04 correspondence regarding Self-Implementing PCB Cleanup Plan; attached is Revised (22-Oct-04) Site Characterization and Self-Implementing PCB Cleanup Plan
18-Nov-04	Hatcher, R.F., Werner, S.G.	List, R.	Email setting out treatability study results and suggesting a meeting to discuss the results, treatment/ stabilization strategies, regulatory implications and costs.
23-Nov-04	Hatcher, R.F., Werner, S.G.	List, R.	Additional treatability results
06-Jan-05	Hatcher, R.F., Bernard, J.F., Green, K.L.	Rieger, J.	Email regarding 70 ppb PCB screening level in sediments
03-Feb-05	Hatcher, R.F.	Williams, T.G.	Fax proposing use of same grid numbers and letters system as drawing supplied to Koontz-Bryant, reporting of plant to conduct site work from 8-Feb-05 thru 10-Feb-05
09-Feb-05	Bernard, J.	Werner, S.G.	Memorandum regarding soil sample location plan
16-Jun-05	Werner, S.G. & Hatcher, R.F.	Webb, J.N.	Requesting status of grid sampling effort



Date	Recipient	Sender	Description
Undated			Site location map; well locations
}			and boring locations; summary of
			analytical data - surface soil
			samples (6/1999 & 7/1999);
			summary of analytical data -
}			soil/water interface soil samples
į			(7/1999); summary of analytical
			data - groundwater (7/1999);
			summary of analytical data -
			mixed media (7/1999)

Peck is submitting to EPA with this response the laboratory data reports for samples collected at the property during 2005.

6. Provide all documents that show the types of material accepted, customers, operational periods, and description of operations (including locations of operations) both owned and/or operated by you or any tenant(s).

### **RESPONSE:**

Peck has no documents in its possession responsive to this question. The following provides a brief description of operations on the property based on David Peck's recollection.

The operations at the property until the 1980's were located in and around the cinderblock buildings in the center of the property. At one of the buildings, a hydraulic guillotine shear cut steel to size. One building served as a sorting and storage room for non-ferrous metals and contained a small aluminum furnace to melt aluminum scrap. In the front, by the stop light, was a men's locker room and machine shop. A weigh scale was outside an office trailer near the stop light.

During the period of scrap metal operations on the property, the Department of Defense processed and sold metal scrap to Peck Iron & Metal from various military bases and Navy yards, including: Norfolk Naval Shipyard; Naval Air Station; Oceana; St. Juliens Creek; Cheatham Annex; Yorktown; Quantico; Ft. Meade; and Bellwood. The General Services Administration, Coast Guard, NOAA, and other agencies of the federal government also regularly sold surplus material to Peck Iron & Metal. Other large, non-government sellers to Peck Iron & Metal included the railroads, Virginia Electric and Power, landfills (which were



sources of white goods and miscellaneous scrap), and the ship repair facilities, including Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock, Norfolk Shipbuilding, and Moon Engineering.

Two occupants of the property -- neither affiliated with Peck -- in approximately 2001-02 operated businesses involving the handling of equipment and perhaps scrap metals. One occupant 's operation led to action by DEQ, after which Peck evicted the occupant from the property. Currently, Able Body Demolition is using the property for truck storage and is helping to keep the property secure.

7. Provide any correspondence to or from local, state or federal governments that discuss environmental conditions or issues at the property. This could include, but is not limited to, information regarding inspections, permits, violations and discharges.

### **RESPONSE:**

At the time Peck entered the Virginia Voluntary Remediation Program, its past and current environmental data were provided to DEQ. The history was also carefully reviewed by the Elizabeth River Project before it accepted approximately seven acres for a conservation easement.

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Date	Recipient	Sender	Description
30-Apr-02	Gussman	Mayfield, M.	Letter informing DEQ of grant to address stormwater and habitat enhancement at Peck site
01-May-02	Peck, B.D.	Jackson, M.M.	Letter recommending demonstration project to enhance shoreline/stormwater on western side of Peck project, indicating that ERP expected \$30,000 to \$40,000 in grant funds to be available to assist in this voluntary project



Date	Recipient	Sender	Description
06-Nov-02	Various	Jackson, L.	Email requesting comments on attached "Project Activities Coordination Meeting for 'Return to Paradise' - Peck Iron & Metal, Timeline of Action Items." List of attendees also attached.
27-Nov-02	West, T.	Pocta, M.A.	Letter regarding Joint Permit Applications (Peck and Elizabeth River Project) for wetlands restoration project and a stormwater/wetland pond
02-Dec-02		U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Notification that Peck's proposed activity may qualify for Nationwide Permit 39; that proposed activity may affect historical properties (Norfolk Naval Shipyard); therefore, work cannot commence until requirements of National Historic Preservation Act have been met
06-Dec-02	Greene, K.L.	Cohen, A.	VRP Application for property located at 3850 Elm Avenue
13-Dec-02	Levetan, S.L.	Mayfield, M.	Letter offering grant-funded assistance to implement ERP's recommendations for sustainable development of Peck Site. Attached is "Environmental Stewardship Recommendations, Proposed Pull-a-Part Auto Recycling Facility, Elm Avenue, Portsmouth, VA" and "Best Management Practices for the Auto Salvage Industry"



Date	Recipient	Sender	Description
06-Jan-03		VIMS	VIMS Shoreline Permit Application Report 02-2315 recommending applicant submit formal planting and monitoring plan
09-Jan-03			Notice of Public Hearing, Wetlands Board of the City of Portsmouth - Request of The Peck Company and The Elizabeth River Project for a wetland restoration area on the property at 3850 Elm Avenue
06-Mar-03			Portsmouth City Council, Public Hearing/Planning Items. Resolution (signed by City Manager) approving with conditions Pull-A-Part of Portsmouth's proposal to operate a motor vehicle recycling facility at 3850 Elm Avenue
11-Mar-03			Portsmouth City Council, Agenda. Pull-A-Part's use permit application is on agenda
14-Mar-03	Porter, S.J.	Wetmore, D.G.	Letter stating the exception request for BMP should not be granted because it does not meet necessary requirements
02-Apr-03	Pocta, M.A.	Porter, S.J.	Letter requesting additional WQIA information for site be submitted to Department by 11-Apr-03
10-Apr-03	Haste, G.J.	Pocta, M.A.	CBLAD and City of Portsmouth need stormwater calculations and justification for the stormwater location in the RPA buffer

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11-Apr-03	Hatcher, R. F.	Hannah, J.	"Benefits of Proposed Stormwater Wetland at Peck Iron & Metal Site," Bill Hunt, Advisor to the Elizabeth River Project
14-Apr-03	Porter, S.J.	Hatcher, R.F.	Letter responding to 2-Apr-03 letter to M.A. Pocta in connection with locating a BMP within the Resource Protection Area for Paradise Creek wetlands
22-Apr-03	Porter, S.J.	Pocta, M.A.	Letter withdrawing Application for Exception from consideration at the City's Planning Commission meeting on 6-May-03
22-Apr-03	Hatcher, R.F.	Porter, S.J.	Memorandum stating information the City was seeking on stormwater calculations and buffer was not submitted timely and therefore will not be considered at the Planning Commission's 6- May-03 meeting
15-May-03	Bernard, J.	Werner, S.G.	DRAFT Site Characterization - Risk Assessment Report
28-May-03	Bernard, J.	Werner, S.G.	Site Characterization - Risk Assessment Report. Attached are: results of 29-Jul-99 Hatcher-Sayre Site Characterization Study; REAMS Risk Analysis; groundwater analytical results for 5-03 sampling; 9-Jul-99 Final Scope of Work for Site Investigation at The Peck Company, Portsmouth, Virginia
18-Jun-03	Hatcher, R. F.	Bernard, J.F.	Comments from DEQ and EPA on 28-May-03 Site Characterization Report and 4-June-03 site visit



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18-Jun-03	Hatcher, R.F.	Bernard, J.F.	Letter commenting on 28-May-03 Site Characterization Report and 4-Jun-03 site visit
23-Jun-03	Hatcher, R.F.	Dinardo, Nicholas	Email requesting site visit with representatives of EPA, DEQ, and Peck.
14-Jul-03	Bernard, J.F.	Hatcher, R.F.	Letter regarding 9-Jul-03 meeting with DEQ and EPA, Peck's and Pull-A-Part's commitment to locate, remove and remediate "hot spots"
04-Aug-03	Bernard, J.	Werner, S.G.	Response to DEQ's 18-Jun-03 letter commenting on Site Characterization Report and proposing a sampling program
11-Sep-03	Greene, K.L.	Peck, B.D.	Letter regarding EPA's desire to sample for dioxin contamination at site; briefly discussing previous site operations; and requesting authorization from DEQ to go forward with site remediation
15-Sep-03	Comacho, J.	Werner, S.G.	Email inquiry regarding dioxins in soil capping as remediation
15-Sep-03	Cooper, D.	Werner, S.G.	Email listing questions regarding dioxin Werner would like to discuss with Cooper in a 1:30 telephone conversation
22-Sep-03	Rupert, R.	Jackson, M.M.	Memorandum setting out the Elizabeth River Project's position on disputed issues concerning contamination at the Peck site
25-Sep-03	Levetan, S.L.	Bernard, J.F.	Comments from DEQ and EPA on 4-Aug-03 Response to Comments and Proposed Sampling Plan



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09-Oct-03			Agenda for 9-Oct-03 Elizabeth River Project meeting
07-Nov-03	Bernard, J.	Werner, S.G.	Site Characterization Study Addendum describes sampling activities between Jun- and Nov- 03, analytical testing results and proposed approach to site remediation; attached is 27-Oct-03 memorandum to J. Bernard from S.G. Werner presenting sediments sampling plan
18-Dec-03	Bernard, J.F.	Hatcher, R.F.	Email forwarding colloquy between J.F. Bernard and S. Hahn of NOAA regarding the Peck Property Report addendum, stormwater runoff and the buffer
30-Dec-03	Hatcher, R. F.	Levetan, S.L.	Email forwarding language regarding "Peck 20031211 Review Ltr 1" providing EPA comments and observations of the 7-Nov-03 Peck Site Characterization Report
09-Jan-04	Hatcher, R.F.	Mayfield, M	Email entitled, "Elizabeth River Partnership - Jeopardy?" in which Mayfield forwards an exchange with Don Welsh, EPA Regional Administrator
15-Jan-04	Bernard, J.	Jarvela, S.	EPA's comments on Site Characterization Report
23-Jan-04	Bernard, J.F.	Greene, K.L., et al.	Email forwarding comments and observations on the 7-Nov-03 Peck Site Characterization Report



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06-Feb-04	Bernard, J.F.	Hatcher, R.F.	Email forwarding Bernard's comments to K. Greene regarding EPA's comments and concerns: QA/QC documentation and the vertical investigation area
06-Feb-04	Peck, B.D.	West, T.L., MRC	Acknowledging receipt of application seeking authorization to create wetlands and clear phragmites
13-Feb-04	Bernard, J.F.	Jarvela, S., et al.	Series of emails whereby State requests contact from EPA for Perspective Purchaser Agreement issue; EPA requests point of contact for Pull-A-Part
17-Feb-04	Bernard, J.	Werner, S.G.	Response to EPA's 15-Jan-04 "Characterization Report Review"; attached are: EPA's 15-Jan-04 letter; QA/QC reports for PCB and lead analyses for soil samples; summary of data validation per- formed by Draper Aden and a response by laboratory to deficien- cies identified by Draper Aden
27-Feb-04	Gills, W.	Werner, S.G.	Brownfield Remediation Loan Application submitted on behalf of The Peck Company
09-Mar-04	Jarvela, S.	Bernard, J.F	Letter stating EPA is satisfied with Draper Aden site characterization and determined the project can proceed to the remediation stage
11-Mar-04	Bernard, J.	Jarvela, S.	Letter stating EPA's position that DEQ is the lead agency for Peck site project and is committed to support DEQ as the remedial action plan proceeds



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12-Mar-04	Hatcher, R. F.	Bernard, J.F	Email colloquy at DEQ regarding Peck's Brownfield's loan application
26-Mar-04	Peck, B.D.	Gills, W.A.	Letter notifying Peck the SWCB approved Brownfield Remediation loan in the amount of \$960,000 contingent upon satisfactory credit analysis by the VRA.
16-Apr-04	Bunker, K.	Bernard, J.F.	Email regarding Bunker's assignment as EPA's project manager of the Peck site
22-Apr-04	Bernard, J.	Bunker, K.	Email requesting DEQ to instruct Peck to submit a self-implementing PCB cleanup plan that complies with 40 CFR 761.61(a)
07-May-04			One page synopsis of Peck Recycling Co.'s history
11-May-04	Welsh, D.S.	Werner, S.G.	Letter enclosing Peck's "Self- Implementing PCB Cleanup Plan"
18-May-04	Hatcher, R.F.	Jarvela, S.	Email stating Jarvela hasn't scheduled trip, but will send access form for owner to sign
15-Jun-04	Werner, S.G.	Bernard, J.F.	Email responding to S. Werner's interpretation of 40 CFR section 761.61 in connection with the Self-Implementing PCB Cleanup Plan. Email also discusses wetlands sampling
16-Jun-04	Baldwin, Bob	Jackson, L.	Email requesting a meeting with Baldwin and/or other City of Portsmouth representatives to discuss the City's concerns or needs in order to move forward with Elm Avenue remediation



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22-Jun-04	Peck, B.D.	Burke, J.J.	EPA's comments on Peck's Notification and Certification, dated 11-May-04, provided pursuant to requirements of the Self-Implementing On-Site Cleanup and Disposal of PCB Remediation Waste Regulation
27-Jun-04	Peck, B.D.	Jarvela, S.	Fax cover sheet attaching access agreement; Jarvela will contact Hatcher to schedule site visit
28-Jun-04	Peck, D.B.	Jarvela, S.	Letter stating EPA wants to conduct sampling at Peck site's wetlands and shoreline along border of property and Paradise Creek. Also attaches Property Access Agreement
29-Jun-04			DRAFT "Sampling and Analysis Plan for the Peck Iron and Metal Site, Portsmouth, Virginia" prepared for EPA by Tetra Tech
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28-Jul-04	List	Bunker, K., EPA	Email giving status on cleanup plan still reviewing amended plan EPA received on 14-Jul-04
16-Aug-04	Hatcher, R. F.	Bernard, J.F.	Email stating Levetan indicates Pull-A-Part is very determined to purchase property
20-Aug-04	Hatcher, R. F.	Bernard, J.F.	Email regarding status of Elm Avenue VRP project
23-Aug-04	Ward, K.	Bernard, J.F.	Email stating Elm Avenue project is moving forward
26-Oct-04	Welsh, D.S.	Werner, S.G.	Response to EPA Region III's 15-Oct-04 communication regarding Self-Implementing PCB Cleanup Plan; attached is Revised (22-Oct-04) Site Characterization and Self-Implementing PCB Cleanup Plan
16-Nov-04	Baldwin, R.A.	Barclay, R.C.	Letter Application for Extension of Use Permit 03-01 by Pull-a-Part of Portsmouth, LLC to operate a motor vehicle recycling facility at 3850 Elm Avenue, owned by The Peck Company, Peck-Portsmouth Recycling Co.
19-Nov-04	Peck, B.D.	Burke, J.J	EPA's response to Peck's Revised Notification and Certification, dated 25-Oct-04



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01-Dec-04			Chronology of Primary Activities - Proposed Pull-A-Part, Inc. Site - Elm Avenue, Portsmouth, VA
22-Dec-04	Hatcher, R.F.	EPA, DEQ	Confirming 5-Jan-05 meeting to discuss options available under TSCA and/or CERCLA to move forward on remediation of the Peck site
05-Jan-05			Attendance list of meeting
05-Jan-05			Draper Aden, "The Case for Self-Implementing Site Remediation, Peck Property, Portsmouth, VA," presentation to EPA
20-Jan-05	Peck, B.D.	Webb, J.	Letter proposing that Peck amend its 22-Oct-04 self-implementing cleanup plan to include certain conditions and sampling plans
26-Jan-05	Welsh, D.S.	Werner, S.G.	Letter addressing conditions set out in EPA's 20-Jan-05 letter for self-implementing cleanup plan
01-Feb-05	Peck, B.D.	Webb, J.	Letter approving 22-Oct-04 self- implementing cleanup, subject to conditions set out in EPA's 20-Jan- 05 letter
23-Feb-05	Ward, K.	Bernard, J.F.	Email colloquy regarding EPA approval of project; inquiry regarding interest rate for Peck's loan
28-Jun-05	Webb, J.N.	Peck, B.D.	Letter notifying EPA, et al. that Peck is going to stop conducting the PCB cleanup plan
15-Oct-05	Peck, B.D.	Burke, J.J.	EPA's response to Peck's Revised Notification and Certification, dated 13-Jul-04



Date	Recipient	Sender	Description
07-Dec-05	Sturgeon, R., EPA	Peck, B.D.	Memorandum setting out reasons for withdrawing self-implement- ing cleanup plan, conclusions of risk assessment, and proposed "closure" plan
08-Dec-05	Peck, B.D. & Gant, Rene	Sturgeon, R.	Response to Peck's Dec-05 letter

8. Provide information regarding modifications made to the property, including, but not limited to, areas of fill, areas where the topography was modified, areas of burial and/or dumping, and areas of construction and/or demolition.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Peck demolished a building at the entrance to the property at 3500 Elm Avenue in response to a demand by the N&P Beltline. In addition, part of the former Proctor & Gamble masonry building near that entrance was demolished within the last ten years.

Inert material was dumped on the site by various contractors during the past ten years. If trash or suspect material was found, contractors were employed to remove the material for disposal at a landfill. Able Body Demolition spread inert concrete, asphalt, and soil on the property during the past few months. Any suspect soil or other material was to be placed in the area of the buildings where scrap metal processing operations once occurred.

Please also see the response to question 3 above.

9. Provide all information on the current and recent use of the Site including actions such as, but not limited to, the storage of soils, material or equipment, or modification or movement of soils or sediments located on the Site.

### **RESPONSE:**

Please see the answer to question 8 above. In addition, during 2005, Able Body Demolition excavated certain areas of soil, moved the materials to the former operations area, and subsequently covered the area with inert materials. Able Body personnel were warned of the



nature and potential danger of the excavated soil and were instructed about where on the property the soil should be placed.

10. Provide the names, titles, areas of responsibility, addresses and telephone numbers of all persons that worked at the Site for longer than three years.

#### RESPONSE:

Stanley Peck and Aaron Peck worked at the property for a period of time until the early 1990s. Their current addresses and phone numbers are:

Stanley J. Peck

Aaron M. Peck

Personnel records from the period of active site operations were not retained.

11. If you have any information about other persons/entities who may have information which may assist the Agency in its investigation of the Site or who may be responsible for the generation of, transportation to, or release of contamination at the Site, please provide such information. The information you provide in response to this request should include the person's entity's name, address, type of business, and the reason(s) why you believe the party may have contributed to the contamination at the Site or may have information regarding the Site.

### **RESPONSE:**

Peck has no additional information responsive to this question.

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Please contact Roger Hatcher or me if you have questions about this response to the Information Request.

Yours truly,

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**Enclosures** 

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